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Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor D Expression, for  
Screening for Neoplastic Disease or Metastatic Risk, and for  
Maintaining Vascularization of Tissue

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

**Mail Stop AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated July 5, 2005.

**Amendment to the Specification** starts on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**A replacement sheet for Figure 18** is attached hereto.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.